

[**NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL**] Measuring 400 feet tall, the domed tower of the State Capitol is Lincoln's highest structure—proudly representing the strength and stability of the state's seat of government.



Metro





Blast *from* the Past

Step back in time to the early days of our country's western expansion at Fort Atkinson State Historical Park near Fort Calhoun. Established in 1820 on the site where Lewis and Clark held council with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, the military fort was responsible for protecting fur traders, explorers, and new settlers west of the Missouri River.

Periodic living history demonstrations at the re-created fort let you witness firsthand what life was like for the enlisted men and civilians who lived and worked there. Sample the sweets at the sutler's store, watch as the military men perform their exercises, discover new skills during carpenter and cooper workshops, or step inside the Council House to see what the Indian agent is doing.

With all that's going on, it's hard not to get swept up by the excitement of the time. But don't get too carried away—you'd hate to find yourself court-martialed by the regiment's commander.



M. Forester



Kidding around

In Nebraska's two largest cities, one can find magical places where imaginations run wild and hearts soar. Discover fun, creative, and educational settings at the Lincoln Children's Museum and the Omaha Children's Museum, where kids—and adults—can be kids.

Fan club

Imagine yourself embarking upon a new journey along the Platte River. The wind blows through your hair, and you're seated majestically aboard an . . . airboat? While it may sound a little unconventional, Bryson's Airboat Tours in Fremont offers a one-of-a-kind experience you won't soon forget.



R. Nielson

PLAY *the* MARKET

Are you in the market for fun? There's plenty in store for you at Lincoln's Historic Haymarket District and the Old Market in Omaha. Both cities have converted historic districts into vibrant and bustling centers to live, work, and play.

Meander down the cobblestone streets, peruse the antique stores and local boutiques, sit down for a delicious meal, browse the art galleries, and enjoy the vibrant nightlife. During the summer months, both areas play host to farmers' markets where you'll find locally produced food and crafts. And if shopping's not your cup of tea, you can simply sit back and enjoy a refreshment or two at any of the sidewalk cafés.

Now this is city living at its best.



E. Bowler



R. Nielson



It may be located just a short drive from downtown Omaha, but hiking through Bellevue's Fontenelle Forest will make you feel like you're a million miles from the city.

ARLINGTON

402-478-4212



Outfitters

Little Creek Game Bird Farm 21942 NE Hwy 91, 6 mi. N. to NE Hwy 91, 2 mi. E. – Pay-to-shoot pheasant and chukar operation, comfortable lounge and gift shop. Hunting dogs and guide at affordable prices. Sep 1-Mar 31. Hunting access. Game farm access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. 402-478-4450

ASHLAND

402-944-2050 • www.historicashland.com



Attractions

Cooper Studio & Gallery 1526 Silver St – Original artwork, pottery, metal sculpture and jewelry. Open June-Aug, Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sep-May, Sat, 10am-5pm; or by appt. Free. 402-944-2022 &

Wildlife Safari Park



Experience a drive-through adventure through four miles of scenic prairies and wetlands at

Wildlife Safari Park. Encounter bison, elk, deer and cranes right outside your window! There's wild hiking, shopping and sightseeing for the whole family.

Wildlife Safari Park is operated by Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and is located off Nebraska's I-80, Exit 426.



402-944-WILD • www.omahazoo.com

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park 28500 W. Park Hwy, I-80 Exit 426 – Restaurant and lodge open year-round. Located along river bluffs with housekeeping cabins, lodge rooms, camping, horseback rides, nature trails, sports fields, indoor theater, water park, crafts, miniature golf and driving range. Park permit required. Admission. 402-944-2523
www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Glacial Till Tasting Room 1419 Silver St – Visit the winery's newly opened tasting room and retail store located in a historic downtown building. Vineyard and winery located in Palmyra. Open Wed-Sun, call for hours. 402-944-2546 www.glacialtillvineyard.com

Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari I-80 Exit 426 – Drive-through park with scenic prairies and wetlands. Featuring many native North American animals including bison, elk, cranes and new Wolf Canyon overlook. Open Apr-Oct, daily, 9:30am-5pm. Visitor center and concessions. Admission. 402-944-9453 or 402-733-8401
www.omahazoo.com &

Willow Point Gallery and Museum 1431 Silver St – An indoor wonderland exhibits 29 wildlife species and is surrounded by waterfalls, foliage and a creek. Acclaimed artist Gene Roncka's paintings describe Nebraska's history. Open Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-4pm. Free. 402-944-3613 or 800-861-4260
www.generoncka.com &



Accommodations

BELLEVUE

402-898-3000 • www.bellevuenebraska.com



Attractions

Bellevue Little Theatre 203 W. Mission Ave – Season runs Sep-June. Five productions per season, each production is shown Fri-Sun for 3 weekends. Admission. Group rates available. 402-291-1554
www.bellevuelittletheatre.com &



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NEBRASKA and MARIANNE NGPC

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. – Enjoy 1,400 acres of woods, prairie, wetlands and Missouri River viewing along 19 miles of walking trails and all-access boardwalks. The nature center features hands-on exhibits, live animal displays and educational programs. Open daily, 8am-5pm. Admission. 402-731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org &

Historic Sites of Bellevue 1856 Presbyterian Church, 1869 Omaha and Southern Railroad Depot, 1856 Fontenelle Bank and cemetery, 1830s log cabin. Free tours year-round. 402-293-3080 or 402-291-8565
www.bellevuenebraska.com &

Lewis and Clark Children's Interpretive Art Wall

Mission Ave & Payne Dr in Haworth Park – Children's artwork is displayed from every state along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Permanent structure measuring 65-ft-long by 8-ft-high made of precast concrete. More than 700 handmade tiles of original artwork are on display for everyone to view images of the expedition through a child's eyes. Free. 402-332-5771 or 800-467-2779 www.gosarpy.com &

Sarpy County Historical Museum

2402 Clay St – Trace the history of Sarpy County from the original American Indians to the present. Exhibits include the history of the fur traders and missionaries, period rooms, early agricultural pursuits and a scale model of Fort Crook (now Offutt Air Force Base). Open year-round, Tue-Sun, 9am-4pm. Closed major holidays. Admission. 402-292-1880 &



Accommodations

BLAIR

402-533-4455 • www.blairchamber.org



Attractions

Black Elk/Neihardt Park Home of The Four Winds 3200 College Dr – Park commemorates 2 great men of the Plains with a pavilion and sculptures. Open year-round, dawn-11pm. Group tours by appt. 402-426-4175
www.blairchamber.org &

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge 5 mi. E. on US Hwy 30 – Refuge provides a haven for wildlife and people along the Missouri River. It also houses a magnificent collection of 1865-era artifacts from the steamboat *Bertrand*. Open year-round, daylight hours. Visitor center open daily, 9am-4:30pm. Closed federal holidays. Admission. 712-642-4121
www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto &



Accommodations



Parker's Smokehouse Ribs
Ashland, 402-944-2040

Stella's Bar & Grill Bacon Cheeseburger
Bellevue, 402-291-6088

Zum Biergarten Bratwurst
Bellevue, 402-733-1900

J's Steakhouse Reuben
Fremont, 402-727-6100





R. Muehl

Father Flanagan's Home, Boys Town

BOYS TOWN

Attractions

Boys Town 137th & W. Dodge Rd – The Village of Boys Town is a National Historic Landmark founded by Father Flanagan and made famous by the Academy Award-winning movie *Boys Town*. Hall of History, Father Flanagan House, gardens, chapels and visitor center. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 9am-4pm; Sun, 11am-4pm. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Free. 888-556-5121 or 402-498-1141 www.boystown.org/Discover &

CERESCO

402-665-2391 • www.ceresco-ne.gov



Accommodations

DENTON

Attractions

Conestoga State Recreation Area 2 mi. N., 1/2 mi. W. – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. 402-796-2362 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Prime Country Winery, LLC 12120 S.W. 142nd St, S.W. of Lincoln – Set on 480 acres of beautiful rolling hills. Currently raising American and French-American hybrid grapes. Tasting room and vineyard open Apr-May & Nov, Fri-Sun, 1-6pm; June-Oct, Fri-Sat, 1-8pm; Sun, 1-6pm; Dec-Mar, Fri-Sun, 1-5pm. Tours by appt. 866-408-9799, 402-826-3567 or 402-430-3698 www.primecountrywinery.com &

EAGLE

Attractions

Eagle Raceway – America's Home Track 2 mi. E. on US Hwy 34 or 11 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 420 – Weekend races run on America's fastest 1/2-mile dirt track. Weekly shows Apr-Sep. Sat night programs feature 360 sprints, IMCA modifieds, hobby stocks and sport compacts. Admission. 402-238-2595 or 402-781-2243 www.eagleraceway.com &

ELMWOOD

Attractions

Bess Streeter Aldrich House and Museum 204 E. F St, 18 mi. E. of Lincoln on US Hwy 34, 2 mi. N. on NE Hwy 1 – Take a guided tour through the historical home of the nationally known author. Manuscripts and memorabilia in the museum. May-Oct, Wed-Thu & Sat-Sun, 2-5pm; Nov-Apr, Sat-Sun, 2-5pm; or by appt. Group tours by appt. Admission. 402-994-3855 www.bessstreeteraldrich.org

FORT CALHOUN

402-468-5303 • www.fortcalhoun.org

Attractions

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge 3 mi. E. along the Missouri River – Restored river channel surrounded by 4,000 acres of grassland, woodland, wetlands, short nature trails, a 6-mile hiking loop, fishing, picnic areas and bird-watching. On the route of Lewis and Clark. Open daily, daylight hours. Headquarters open Mon-Fri, 7am-3:30pm. Free. 402-468-4313 www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute &

Fort Atkinson State Historical Park 201 S. 7th St, 1 mi. E. of US Hwy 75 at 7th & Madison Sts – First U.S. fort west of the Missouri River. Visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 11am-5pm. Call for off-season hours. Periodic living history demonstrations. Park permit required. 402-468-5611 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Too Far North 111 N. 14th St (US Hwy 75) – Enjoy Nebraska wines and experience a little history and art in this 1904 brick building. Wine by the ounce, glass or bottle and custom-made labels for any occasion. Now serving Nebraska microbrews. Open Wed-Thu, 2-7pm; Fri-Sat, 2-7:30pm; Sun, 2-6pm. Private parties by appt. Free. Tasting fees. 402-468-9463 www.toofarnorthwine.com &

Eagle Raceway, Eagle



E. Brainer

Washington County Historical Museum & Frahm House 102 N. 14th St – Artifacts, prehistoric to recent past. Lewis and Clark diorama. Open Wed-Thu, 9am-6pm; Fri, 9am-4pm; or by appt. Frahm House located at 220 S. 15th St is open Sat, 1-4pm; or by appt. Admission. 402-468-5740 www.newwashcohists.org &

FREMONT

800-727-8323 • www.fdcvb.org

Fremont Historic Visitors Center

605 N. Broad St • 402-753-6414

Year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat by appt.

Attractions

Fremont Dinner Train Office: 650 N. H St; Boarding Location: 1835 N. Somers Ave – Enjoy fine dining while traveling through 18 miles of the scenic Elkhorn River Valley. Mystery trains, dinner theater, wine tasting and seasonal shows. Reservations. Open year-round, daily, weather permitting. Closed major holidays. 800-942-7245 www.dinnertrain.net

Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area 4 mi. W. on US Hwy 30 – Twenty sandpit lakes offer fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnicking. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-727-3290 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Gallery 92 West 92 W. 6th St – Home to the Fremont Area Art Association, the gallery features a variety of visual arts. Exhibits offer a wide range of media, which provide an updated and aesthetically pleasing environment for the arts. Open year-round, Tue-Sun, 1-4pm. Free. 402-721-7779 www.92west.org &

Glismann Collection & Lueninghoener Planetarium 900 N. Clarkson St in Midland Lutheran College's Swanson Hall – Outstanding collection of fossils, petrified wood, butterflies and more than 2,000 mineral samples. Science education-based programs on a variety of topics can be viewed at the planetarium, as well as featured astronomical events. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; tours by appt. Admission. 800-642-8382 or 402-941-6524 www.mlc.edu &

Louis E. May Historical Museum 1643 N. Nye Ave – Victorian mansion houses the Dodge County Historical Society, 1868 log house and re-created rooms of the 19th century. Open Apr-Dec, Wed-Sat, 1:30-4:30pm. Also open Sun, May-Aug. Closed holidays. Admission. 402-721-4515 www.connectfremont.org/club/dchs_may.htm &



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www.fdcvb.org
402-753-6414



Fremont Dinner Train, Fremont

Nebraska Railroad Museum and Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad

1835 N. Somers Ave – Enjoy a 16-mile excursion on diesel-powered trains. Vintage and climate-controlled coaches travel through the scenic Elkhorn River Valley. Depart on a 2-hour journey May-Oct, Sat-Sun at 1pm. Free museum admission; fare prices vary for excursions. 402-727-0615 www.fremontrailroad.com

Splash Station 3809 E. Fremont Dr – This water park features a body slide, speed slide, water tower that dumps 500 gallons of water every 2 minutes in a zero-depth area, specially designed train engine slide, splashground area for younger children and a wave action pool. Open summer months, hours vary. Admission. 402-727-2619 www.fremontsplashstation.com

Outfitters

Bryson's Airboat Tours S. on Cty Rd 19 from US Hwy 30 – Enjoy unique airboat tours on the Platte River. Great scenery and photography opportunities. Private and group tours available. Apr 15-Oct 10. 402-968-8534 or 877-972-8627 www.nebraskaairboattours.com

Accommodations

GREENWOOD

402-789-2300 • www.greenwoodnebraska.com

Attractions

Nebraska Raceway Park I-80 Exit 420 – NASCAR-sanctioned semibanked oval dirt track featuring the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series May-Sep, Sun nights, plus special events. Admission. 402-342-3453 www.neracewaypark.com &

WWII Library and Museum, Inc. I-80 Exit 420 – American, German, Japanese and WWII memorabilia used by servicemen in everyday life. See more than 5,000 WWII books and 4,000 hours of documentary tapes. Open daily, 9am-5pm. Admission. 402-944-4238 or 402-944-8118 &

Accommodations

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GRETNA

800-467-2779 • www.gosarpy.com

Sarpy County Visitors Center

I-80 Exit 432 • 14333 S. Hwy 31, Ste C108
402-332-5771

Year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Memorial Day-Oct 1, also open Sat-Sun, 9am-5pm

Attractions

Aksarben Aquarium Outdoor Education Center

6 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 432 – Aquarium with native Nebraska fish, fish management museum and nearby geologic display. Picnic area, hiking trails. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, daily, 10am-4:30pm. Rest of the year, closed Tue & holidays. Admission. 402-332-3901

www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Holy Family Shrine I-80 Exit 432, S. on NE Hwy 31, W. on Pflug Rd – All faiths, all people are welcome. Underground visitor center with flowing water to glass chapel presenting a living story of perseverance and faith. View the 45-ft crucifix. Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Free. 402-332-4565 www.holyfamilyshrineproject.com &

Linoma Beach Resort 3 mi. W. of I-80 Exit 432 on US Hwy 6 – Enjoy our lake, beach, campground, 110-ft lighthouse and the Lobster Inn Restaurant, which serves the biggest and freshest lobster tails in Nebraska. A 40-acre lake with a public beach, Rave water trampolines and beach snack shack. Beach open June 1-Labor Day, daily, 11am-5pm. 888-254-6662 or 402-332-4500 www.linoma-riverland.com

Schramm Park State Recreation Area NE Hwy 31, 6 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 432 – Site of the state's first fish hatchery, now a museum. A 3-mile nature trail winds through rugged woodlands. Home of Aksarben Aquarium. Day use only, no camping. Park permit required. 402-332-3901 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Tiny Town Village I-80 Exit 432 at Nebraska Crossing Outlet Center – Children's fun center complete with a train, fire engine, school bus, water playground, tunnels, huge inflatable train, maze, plasma cars, miniature interactive houses and concessions. Summer hours: Tue-Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, noon-6pm. Call for spring/fall hours. Admission. 402-660-6422 www.tinytownvillage.com &

Accommodations

HICKMAN

402-792-2212 • www.hickman.ne.gov

Attractions

Stagecoach State Recreation Area 1½ mi. S., ½ mi. W. – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. 402-796-2362 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Wagon Train State Recreation Area 2 mi. E. – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. 402-796-2362 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Accommodations

HOOPER

402-654-2218

Accommodations

KRAMER

Attractions

Merganser, Tanglewood & Wild Plum Lakes

Merganser: 1 mi. E.; Tanglewood: 1 mi. W., ½ mi. S.; Wild Plum: 1½ mi. N., ½ mi. W. – Offer a variety of activities including fishing, hiking, camping, wildlife viewing and hunting. Free. 402-476-2729 www.lpsnrd.org

The Holy Family Shrine near Gretna beckons travelers along I-80 to find respite from the road among its beautiful grounds, unique underground visitor center, and serene chapel.



Olive Creek State Recreation Area 2 mi. E., ¾ mi. S.
 – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. 402-796-2362
www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Accommodations

LA VISTA

402-339-2078 • www.lavistachamber.org


Attractions

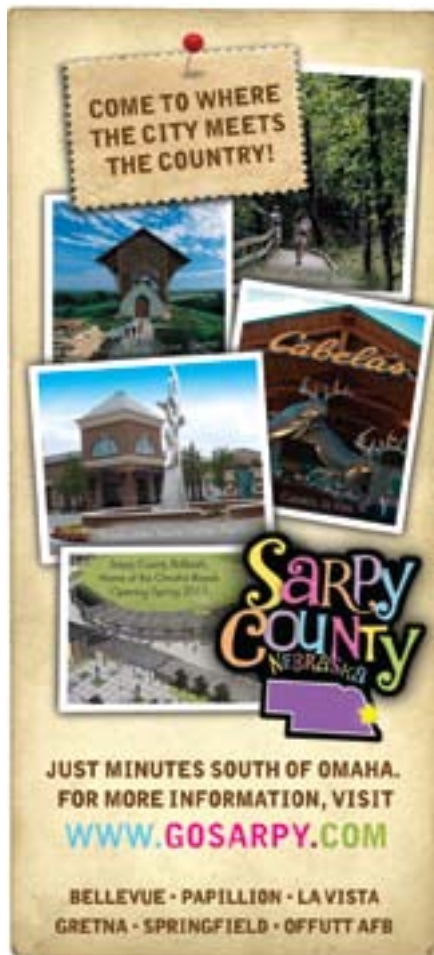
Cabela's 12703 Westport Pkwy, I-80 Exit 442 – The 128,000-sq-ft showroom features an aquarium, trophy animal displays and outdoor merchandise. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-9pm; Sat, 8am-9pm; Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed major holidays. 402-861-4800 or 800-581-4420
www.cabelas.com/lavista &

Lucky Bucket Brewing Company 11941 Centennial Rd – Featuring a variety of beers including Lucky Bucket Pre-Prohibition Lager, the brewery's first release of handcrafted, session beer. Open for tours Thu, 4-7pm; Sat, 10am-1pm. 402-763-8868
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Lincoln Visitors Center

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 Year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 10am-2pm
 Extended seasonal hours: May-Dec, Sun, noon-4pm;
 May-Aug, Mon-Fri, until 8pm; May-Sep, Sat, at 8am

Attractions

Ager Play Center 1300 S. 27th St – Indoor play space for young children. Reading area, 2-level play structure, 3 ball pits, slides and a maze of tunnels. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Admission. 402-441-6792
www.lincoln.ne.gov

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia 631 D St – Museum and Genealogy Research Library dedicated to preserving the culture and history of Germans from Russia. Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm. Tours of outside campus buildings Apr 1-Oct 31, Mon-Fri at 2pm, weather permitting. Free. 402-474-3363
www.ahsgr.org &

Burkholder Project 719 P St – Located in the Historic Haymarket District, this unique collection includes 36 art studios, loft apartments and 3 levels of galleries. Watch artists as they work, learn about a variety of art forms and browse through the galleries. Open year-round, Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. Open extended Sat hours in summer, 9am-3pm. 402-477-3305 www.burkholderproject.com &

Champions Fun Center 15th St & Cornhusker Hwy – Activities for all ages, including go-karts, mini-golf, water wars, free fall, adventure challenge, bowling and arcade. Open Sun-Thu, noon-10pm; Fri, noon-midnight; Sat, 10am-midnight. 402-434-7066
www.championsfuncenter.com &

Deer Springs Winery 16255 Adams St – Wine tasting room inhabits the original 1876 homestead, which has been renovated to reflect the charm of the original structure while providing contemporary comfort. Sample wines made on-site from Nebraska-grown grapes, enjoy locally made breads and cheeses or visit the gift shop. Open Fri-Sat, 2-8pm; Sun, 2-6pm. 402-327-8738
www.deerspringswinery.com &

Empyrean Brewing Co. 729 Q St – Founded in 1990, Empyrean Brewing Co. is the oldest brewery in Nebraska. House-brewed ales are handcrafted in small, flavorful batches. Free tours and sampling first nonholiday Mon of each month at 7pm. 402-434-5959
www.empyreanbrewingco.com

Fairview, the Bryan Museum BryanLGH Medical Center, 49th & Sumner Sts – Historic residence of William Jennings Bryan restored to its early 1900s grandeur. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Tours by appt. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. 402-481-3032 www.bryanlgh.org &

From Nebraska Gift Shop Wine Tastings 803 Q St – Taste a variety of more than 150 Nebraska wines at the authentic Grain Bin Bar and shop for Nebraska souvenirs. Open Mon-Fri, 10am-9pm; Sat, 9am-9pm; Sun, noon-4pm. Fee for tastings. 402-476-2455 or 800-399-5693 www.fromne.com &



Blue Orchid Drunken Noodles
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 Lincoln, 402-464-7428

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 Lincoln, 402-464-6304

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 Lincoln, 402-477-9166



Granite City Food & Brewery 6150 O St – A polished casual dining restaurant with an on-site brewery. Patented brewing process offers unique styles and flavors. Known for flavorful, made-from-scratch menu items. Open Mon-Thu, 11am-midnight; Fri-Sat, 11am-1am; Sun, 10am-10pm. 402-466-1900 www.gcfb.net &

Great Plains Art Museum 1155 Q St on UNL City Campus – Features a collection of Western art including Russell and Remington sculptures and changing exhibits. Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1:30-5pm. Closed major holidays & between exhibitions. Free. 402-472-6220 www.unl.edu/plains &

Historic Haymarket District 7th to 9th Sts, O to R Sts – Galleries, restaurants, unique shops and antiques in turn-of-the-century buildings. Farmers' market May-Oct, Sat, 8am-noon. 402-435-7496 or 402-434-6900 www.lincolnhaymarket.org &

Homestead Recreational Trail Trailhead near 25th St & Saltillo Rd – A former railroad corridor, this crushed limestone trail extends 13 miles south to Cortland. Open daily, sunrise-sunset. Free. 402-476-2729 www.lpsnrd.org

International Quilt Study Center & Museum 33rd & Holdrege Sts on UNL East Campus – Exhibitions and virtual gallery of quilts from around the world. Entertaining and informative activities for all ages. Gift shop. Tours available. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-4:30pm; Sun, 1-4:30pm. Admission. 402-472-6549 www.quiltstudy.org &

Larsen Tractor Museum 35th & Fair Sts on UNL East Campus – Display of antique tractors, agricultural tools from the 1700s to the present, research materials and a collection of tractor tests since 1920. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm; Sat, 10am-2pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-472-8389 tractormuseum.unl.edu &

Lied Center for Performing Arts 301 N. 12th St on UNL City Campus – Season runs Sep-May with evening and matinee performances. Ticket office open Mon-Fri, 11am-5:30pm. Prices vary with each event. 402-472-4747 www.liedcenter.org &

Lincoln Children's Museum 1420 P St – Children are invited to create, discover and learn through the power of play with 3 floors and more than 23,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits. Open Tue-Sat, 9:30am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Open Thu until 7:30pm. Admission. 402-477-4000 www.LincolnChildrensMuseum.org &

Lincoln Children's Zoo 27th & B Sts – Escape into the great outdoors and meet 400 animals including the Amur leopard, red panda and river otters. Swing on over for an hour of fun or a day filled with learning! Train and pony rides. Open Apr 15-Oct 15, daily, 10am-5pm. Additional hours June-Aug, Wed until 8pm. Admission. 402-475-6741 www.LincolnZoo.org &

Lincoln Community Playhouse 2500 S. 56th St – Musicals, comedies, dramas and children's plays on stage throughout the year. Main stage and family theater. 402-489-7529 www.lincolnpayhouse.com &

Lincoln Race Course 1800 State Fair Park Dr – Live thoroughbred racing May-July, Fri-Sun. Season tables available. Simulcast wagering year-round, call for details. Admission. 402-474-5371 www.lincolnrcing.com &

Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center Jct of I-80 & US Hwy 77 – Learn about one of the earth's rarest ecosystems. Recreational opportunities including nature observation and hiking along woodchip trails. 402-476-2729 www.lpsnrd.org

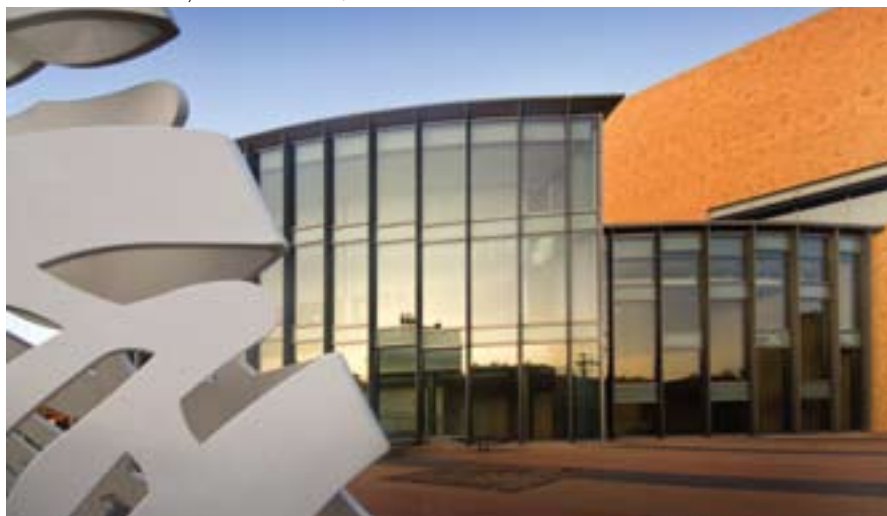


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Lux Center for the Arts 2601 N. 48th St – Facility's focus is art education, art exhibitions and community outreach. The Gladys M. Lux historical collections include more than 500 master prints. Open Tue-Fri, 11am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm. First Friday receptions the first Fri of the month, 5-8pm. Free. 402-466-8692 www.luxcenter.org &

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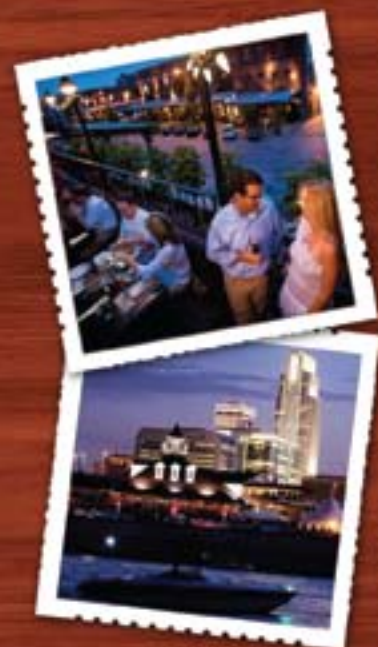
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St. Cecilia Cathedral Gallery and Culture Center 3900 Webster St – A cultural center housing a history museum, art gallery and gift shop. Built in the Spanish Renaissance style in 1905, the Cathedral was a masterwork of architect Thomas Rogers Kimball. Major collections of work by sculptor Alvin Polasek and Spanish Colonial art. 402-551-4888 www.stceciliacathedral.org &

Standing Bear Lake 6404 N. 132nd St – Enjoy a variety of activities including fishing, boating and picnicking. Trails, shelters, remote control airplane flying field and wide-open spaces. Restrooms on-site. 402-444-5955 www.cityofomaha.org &

Strategic Air & Space Museum I-80 Exit 426 – Exciting permanent and traveling exhibits and displays of the proud history of the Strategic Air Command are all part of the famous collection at the Museum. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Closed Wed in winter. Admission. 402-944-3100 www.sasmuseum.com &

Upstream Brewing Company 514 S. 11th St in the Old Market – Housed in a 100-year-old, renovated firehouse, the Upstream Brewing Company has become well-known for its terrific beer and American pub fare. Beer is made on-site in a brewery situated in the dining room. Fully stocked bar features fresh, handcrafted beer and root beer on tap. Brewery tours available. Open Mon-Sat, 11am-1am; Sun, 10am-midnight. 402-344-0200 www.upstreambrewing.com &

Upstream Brewing Company at Legacy 171st & West Center Rd – Casual dining in an inviting atmosphere. This second Upstream location is brewing self-sufficient and is known for creating specialty ales using the Belgian tradition of bottling in cork-finished 750mL bottles. Open Mon-Tue, 11am-midnight; Wed-Sat, 11am-1am; Sun, 10am-9pm. 402-778-0100 www.upstreambrewing.com &

Wehrspann Lake at Chalco Hills Recreation Area 154th St & Giles Rd – A 1,200-acre recreation area and lake with fishing, hiking, bicycling, picnicking, cross-country skiing, visitors center, nature trails, environmental education and many other activities. Park open year-round, daily, 6am-10pm. 402-444-6222 www.papionrd.org &

Zorinsky Lake 156th & F Sts – One of Omaha's most popular lakes. Fishing and boating areas surrounded by picnic areas, trails, wide-open spaces and ball fields. Restrooms on-site. 402-444-5955 www.cityofomaha.org &

Outfitters

Outdoor Venture Center 6001 Dodge St, HPER 100, UNO Campus – Trips, rentals and instruction. Offering all types of activities including rock climbing, backpacking, first-aid training and much more. Year-round. Kayaking. Canoeing. Cross-country skiing. 402-554-2258 www.unomaha.edu/~wwwocr

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Accommodations

PAPILLION

402-339-3050 • www.sarpychamber.org

Attractions

Nebraska Brewing Company Shadow Lake Towne Center, 7474 Towne Center Pkwy, Suite 101 – Locally owned and operated facility featuring handcrafted ales and casual American fare. Open Mon-Wed, 11am-11pm; Thu-Sat, 11am-1am; Sun, 11am-9pm. 402-934-7100 www.nebraskabrewingco.com &

Papio Bay Aquatic Center 815 E. Halleck St – Five acres of swimming and recreation including a zero-depth pool, 2 waterslides, diving boards, wading pools, sand volleyball court, concessions, bathhouse and sand play area. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, daily. 402-597-2055 or 402-597-2041 www.papillion.org &

Papio Fun Park 210 E. Lincoln St – Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages, including go-karts, mini-golf, lazer runner, batting cages, arcade, water wars, concessions and more. Summer hours: daily, noon-11pm. Winter hours: Fri, 4-11pm; Sat, noon-11pm; Sun, noon-6pm. Admission. 402-592-5671 www.papiofunpark.com &

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Sumtur Amphitheater at Walnut Creek 11691 S. 108th St – This amphitheater offers fixed seating for 350 and hillside seating for more than 2,000. Community theater performances, world-class concerts and a variety of events. www.sumtur.org 402-597-2041 ☎

Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area I-80 Exit 439, E. 5 mi., 1 mi. S. at Jct NE Hwy 370 & 96th St – This 105-acre reservoir is the centerpiece of a rustic 450-acre park. Beautiful area for fishing, hiking, biking, nature study, picnicking, RV camping and other recreational activities. Open daily, 6am-10pm. 402-592-8877 www.papillion.org ☎

Accommodations

PLATTSMOUTH

800-965-8479 • www.visitcasscounty.com

Attractions

Cass County Historical Society Museum 646 Main St – A permanent collection and rotating exhibits tell the history of Cass County since settlement in 1854. Open Apr-Oct, Tue-Sun, noon-4pm; Nov-Mar, Tue-Sat, noon-4pm. Admission. 402-296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Schilling Wildlife Management Area Main St E. over RR tracks, first left onto Refuge Rd, 1 mi. E. on the Missouri River – This 1,500-acre wilderness area offers hiking, picnicking, nature observation and hunting and fishing in season. See the confluence of the Platte and Missouri Rivers as written about in the Lewis and Clark journals. Public tours of the waterfowl migration Nov 1-Dec 15, Sun afternoons. Open year-round. www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ☎

Accommodations

PRAGUE

Attractions

Czechland Lake Adjacent to NE Hwy 79, 1 mi. N. – This 250-acre recreational area offers hiking trails, camping, fishing and picnicking. Hunting is allowed on back 97 acres. 888-764-0543 www.lpnrd.org ☎

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Attractions

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James Arthur Vineyards 2001 W. Raymond Rd – Vineyards, winery and gift shop. Summer hours: Apr 1-Oct 31, Mon-Thu, 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat, noon-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm. Winter hours: Nov 1-Mar 31, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, noon-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm. 402-783-5255 www.jamesarthurvineyards.com ☎

Meadowlark and Wildwood Lakes Off NE Hwy 79, N.W. of Agnew – Both lakes offer fishing, hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing and no-wake boating. Free. 402-476-2729

WindCrest Winery 3110 W. Branched Oak Rd – One of Nebraska's newest wineries. Open Mon-Thu, 3-8pm; Fri-Sun, 10am-8pm. 402-783-2875 www.windcrestwinery.com ☎

Accommodations

ROCA

Attractions

WunderRosa Winery 2361 Wittstruck Rd – Producing unique wines with a regional flavor. Open Fri, 5-9pm; Sat, noon-9pm; Sun, 1-8pm. 402-328-3494 www.wunderrosawinery.com ☎

SCRIBNER

402-664-2565 • www.scribnernebraska.com

Attractions

Dead Timber State Recreation Area 5 mi. N. on US Hwy 275, 1½ mi. E. – Enjoy camping, fishing and hiking in this 200-acre area. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-664-3597 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ☎

Powderhorn Wildlife Management Area 4 mi. N. on US Hwy 275 – Wooded cropland and marshland. Hunting and fishing permits required. Primitive camping. 402-370-3374

Accommodations

SPRAGUE

Attractions

Bluestem State Recreation Area 2½ mi. W. – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. 402-796-2362 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Accommodations

SPRINGFIELD

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Attractions

Soaring Wings Vineyard LLC 17111 S. 138th St – Located on a high hill overlooking the Platte River Valley. Internationally award-winning wines. Open for sales and tastings Wed-Sat, noon-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm; or by appt. 402-253-2479 www.soaringwingswine.com ☎

Springfield ArtWorks 183 Main St – A working studio and gallery featuring bold contemporary glass art and wearable art. Etched glass, table tops, doors, windows and hand-painted silk fabrics. Classes available. Open Tue-Fri, 1-6pm; Sat, 11am-5pm. Free. 402-301-9162 www.springfieldartworks.com

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Two Rivers State Recreation Area, Venice

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS

WATERLOO

Accommodations

WEEPING WATER

402-267-5544 • www.weepingwaternebraska.com

Attractions

Heritage House Museum Complex 215 W. Eldora Ave – Four-building complex includes 1866 house, turn-of-the-century homeopathic doctor's office, pioneer and archaeological displays, and a business museum with replicas in a pre-1930s, 6-block model of life on Main Street. Open May-Sep, Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm; Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Free. 402-267-4925 www.visitcasscounty.com/sub_heritagehouse.html & **Slattery Vintage Estates Vineyard & Tasting Room** 2 mi. N. of US Hwy 34 on 84th St, W. on Adams – Features a tasting room with Nebraska wines from area wineries and a gift shop with creations from local artisans. Open year-round, Fri-Sun, 1-6pm. Extended hours in summer. Sat concert series June-Aug. Fee for tastings. 402-267-5267 www.svevineyards.com &

Accommodations

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VALPARAISO

Attractions

Oak Creek Trail Connects Brainard and Valparaiso on a 13-mile trail of crushed limestone. Suitable for walking, biking and horseback riding. Offers scenic views of woods, creeks, hills and wildlife. Part of American Discovery Trail. 402-476-2729 www.lpsnrd.org
Red Cedar Lake 6 mi. N., 2 mi. W. – A 175-acre area with a 51-acre lake. Fishing, hiking, hunting and camping. Beautiful scenery and no-wake boating. Free. 402-476-2729 www.lpsnrd.org

Accommodations

WAHOO

402-443-4001 • www.wahoo.ne.us

Attractions

Saunders County Historical Society Museum 240 N. Walnut St – Depot, caboose, post office, schoolhouse and more. Exhibits honor Darryl Zanuck, cofounder of 20th Century Fox, and *Titanic* survivor Carl Johnson. Open Apr-Sep, Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Oct-Mar, Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm. Closed holidays. Free. 402-443-3090 www.saunderscountymuseum.org &

Accommodations

VENICE

Attractions

Two Rivers State Recreation Area Just off NE Hwy 92, 1 mi. S., 1 mi. W. – Ten Union Pacific cabooses offer unique lodging from Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day. Camping, concessions, put-and-take trout fishing, swimming beach, bike rentals, hiking trails and fishing pier. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-359-5165 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

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